GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6652
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003
LOSSES TO STATE ELECTRICITY BOARDS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of losses sustained by SEBs during the last year as on the date throughout the country, State-wise;

(b) the major factor responsible for such losses;

(c) the factors of subsidy and cross subsidization to agriculture sector; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to arrest such losses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The cumulative commercial losses of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) upto March, 2002 without subsidy were estimated at Rs.33,177 crores. State-wise details of commercial losses without subsidy are given in Annexure-I.

(b) : The major factors responsible for such losses inter-alia include theft of power, high technical losses, overstaffing in the utilities, poor metering, billing and collection, irrational tariff and non-payment of subsidies by the State Governments.

(c) : As against the overall average tariff of 239.92 paise per unit during the year 2001-2002 the estimated domestic and agriculture tariff were 195.62 and 41.56 paise per unit respectively.

(d) : The Ministry of Power has signed State-specific Memorandum of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreement on power sector reforms with 27 States. Under the new Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) the Central Government is providing financial assistance for specific projects in identified distribution circles aimed at bringing about a turn around. This has been combined with the provision of a grant to the States linked to the actual reduction in losses. Substantial relief has also been given to the State Utilities through the securitization of past dues to Central Public Sector Understandings (CPSUs) under the Tripartite Agreement.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6652 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 08.05.2003.

COMMERCIAL PROFIT/LOSS OF SEBS 2001-2002 (Annual Plan)

(Rs. in crores)

	SEBs	Without subsidy
1.	Andhra Pradesh (APSEB/APTRANSCO)	-2820
2.	Assam	-370
3.	Bihar	-753
4.	Delhi (DVB)	-1092
5.	Gujarat	-3491

6.	Haryana	-1949
7	Himachal Pradesh	-48
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	-1141
9.	Karnataka	-2340
10.	Kerala	-1354
11.	Madhya Pradesh	-3682
12.	Maharashtra	-3527
13.	Meghalaya	-49
14.	Orissa (OSEB/GRIDCO)	-230
15.	Punjab	-1633
16.	Rajasthan (Transco)	-2412
17.	Tamil Nadu	-2510
18.	Uttar Pradesh (Power Corp.)	-2687
19.	West Bengal	-1086
Total		-33177

Source: Planning Commission document Data in respect of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh represent the figures of undivided States.